



September 6, 2016

Senator Rick Jones
Michigan Senate
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Senator Jones:

On behalf of Michigan's professional Snow & Ice Industry, we're writing today in support of H.B. 5230. This Bill clarifies liability in a snow removal relationship, making each party in a contract responsible for their own liability. It provides protection for our industry, while continuing to allow the property owner freedom to set the language in their contracts.

The Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA), established in 1922, is the statewide trade association that represents the over 6,000 licensed Green Industry firms in Michigan. The majority of our membership is comprised of family-owned businesses and those firms that generate \$500,000 or less in gross revenue.

With a combined economic impact of \$5.715 billion, Michigan's nursery, perennial plant production, Christmas tree, sod producers, landscaping and lawn care industries continue to grow! We are the 4th largest Nursery State in the Nation, #1 specialty crop in Michigan, and our Landscape services and Retail Sectors have a \$4.5 billion economic impact.

Your leadership and support of H.B. 5230 will allow us to continue to grow and make the citizens of our State safer during the winter months. We urge you to pass H.B. 5230.

I can be reached at amyf@mnla.org or at (517) 331-8896 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Amy Frankmann
Executive Director